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Difluoromethanesulfonyl anilide derivatives useful as herbicides

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on March 19, 2005 as International Application no. PCT/EP2005/002952 and including all the amendments through the date hereof.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) for which Priority is Claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-109197 of April 1, 2004

Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-214777 of July 22, 2004

Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-355616 of December 8, 2004

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